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AMENDMENT

S I R :

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, Applicant has the following comments:

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang, Patent No. 5,307,267. The Examiner maintains that as illustrated in Figures 1-3 and 6, and as outlined in columns 3 and 4, Yang teaches the claimed invention; that Yang teaches a keyboard comprising a plurality of touch areas (keys), with each of the touch areas representing a symbol from a plurality of symbols; that the touch areas are arranged in at least one of a plurality of groups; that Yang also teaches touch areas (keys), wherein each of the groups include touch areas that are arranged in a distinctive shape that incorporates one or more of the symbols or part of symbols; that Column 3 lines 13-23 teaches the functional requirement for a user to enter a symbol by touching a part of the distinctive shape that is recognized with the symbol; that with respect to Claim 2, as outlined above, and as illustrated in Figures 1-4 and 6, Yang